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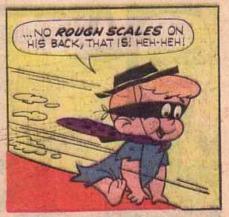












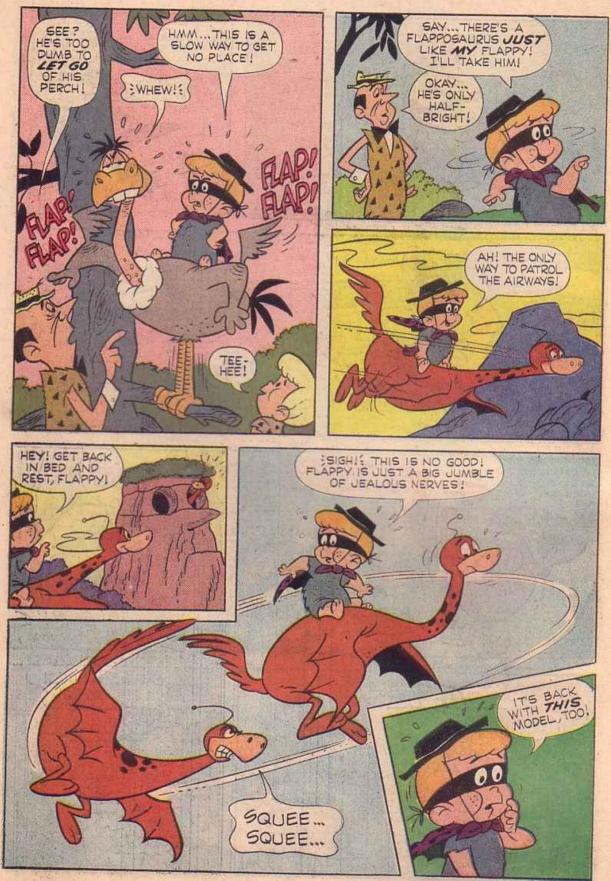


















































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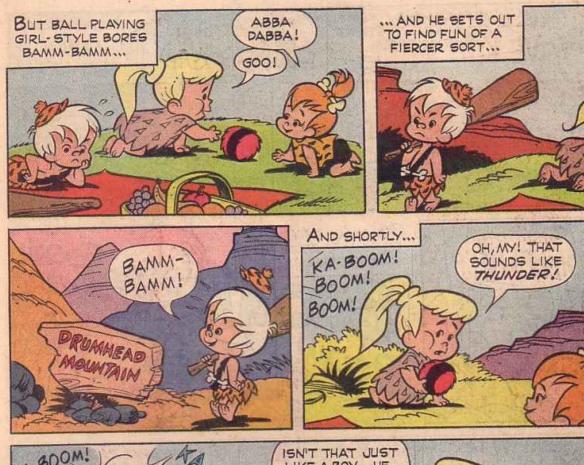




































































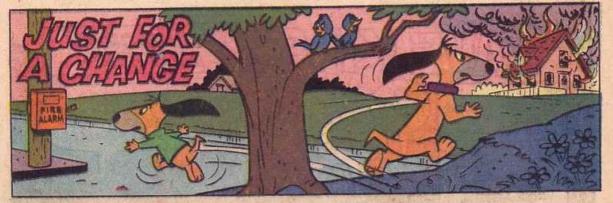












"What's the matter, dear Dad?" Augie Doggie asked one evening. "You look so glum."

"I don't know, Augie, my boy," answered Doggie Daddy. "I'm just down-in-the-dumps."

"Maybe you need a change, downhearted Dad," suggested Augie. "My health teacher says that doing something different now and then perks up our spirits."

"Maybe so," sighed Doggie Daddy. "But how can I get a change around here?"

"Oh, he says you don't always have to do something big. Little things that are different help, too . . . like just taking a walk, maybe."

"That's a good idea," said Doggie Daddy.
"I haven't taken a walk in the evening for a long time. I believe I will go out for one, just for a change."

"I'll go, too, dear Dad," said Augie.

As they walked down the street, Augie thought, "I must try to cheer up poor downhearted Dad," Passing a colorful garden, he said, "Look at those lovely flowers. And listen to the birds twittering in the trees. This sure is a nice evening."

"Very nice, very nice," agreed Doggie Daddy, but as they went on, Augie knew that Doggie Daddy was feeling no better.

Then, "Oh!" exclaimed Augie Doggie. "Look at that sunset, precious Pop! Did you eyer see one so bright?"

"Yeow! That's not a sunset," cried Doggie Daddy. "That's a fire! That house is burning! Quick, Augie," he commanded, "run and send in the alarm while I warn the people in the house."

As Augie raced to the fire alarm box, Doggie Daddy rushed up and pounded on the front door of the burning house.

"Your home is on fire!" he shouted at the startled lady, who opened the door. "The

"Oh, my!" gasped the lady. "My children are upstairs!"

Doggie Daddy brushed past the lady and bounded up the stairs two at a time, shouting, "Come on down, children, the house is burning!"

He could hear the flames crackling above him, as the mother, close behind, called, "They're in the room at the end of the hall!" There, sound asleep in bed, he found two little ones.

"Here," he said to the mother, handing her a child, "you take this one and run!"

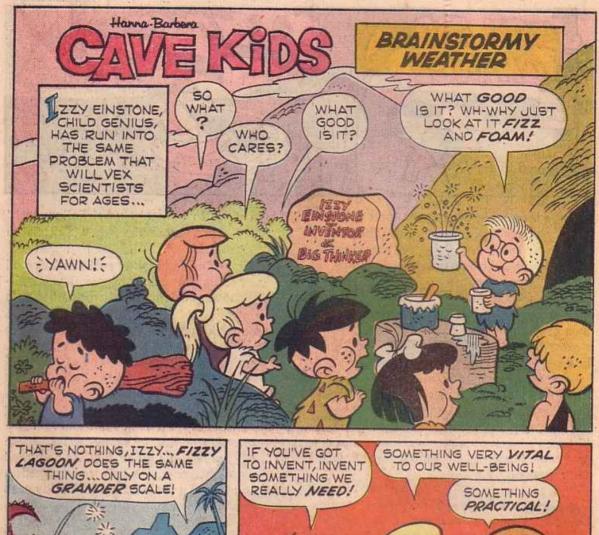
The woman fled to safety, while Doggie Daddy grabbed the other child. As he turned to leave the room, the hall roof crashed in a shower of sparks! Doggie Daddy was trapped in the room!

Quickly, Doggie Daddy ran to the window. The firemen had just arrived, and he shouted to them, "I'm going to jump!"

The firemen rapidly spread a net, and with the child cradled in his arms, Doggie Daddy leaped from the window. Seconds later, he bounced into the net, safe and sound.

The gathering crowd shouted their applause for his bravery and patted him on the back. Doggie Daddy was a hero!

The next morning, when Augie Doggie asked, "How do you feel today, brave Dad?" Doggie Daddy smiled, "Fine, Augie, my boy, fine. As you said, it sure perks up one's spirits to do something different once in a while." Looking at the story and big photograph of himself in the morning newspaper, Doggie Daddy chuckled, "Like taking a walk — just for a change — and turning out to be a hero!"









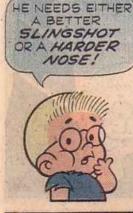








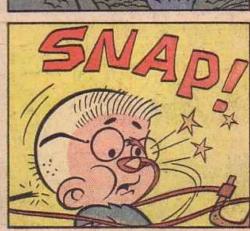


























































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